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COORDINATION QUESTIONS: INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
IN THE FIELD OF INFORMATICS

Afghanistan*, Algeria*, Benin, Bolivia*, Brazil, Cameroon*,
Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Egypt, Estonia,
Finland*, Guinea-Bissau*, Iran (Islamic Republic of)*,
Kuwait, Madagascar, Malawi*, Malaysia*, Mali*, Malta*,
Mexico, Morocco*, Nepal*, Nigeria, Pakistan, Paraguay,
Peru*, Portugal, Romania, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Suriname
and Venezuela: draft resolution

The need to harmonize and improve United Nations
information systems for optimal utilization and
accessibility by all States

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1991/70 of 26 July 1991, 1992/60 of 31 July 1992
and 1993/56 of 29 July 1993 on the need to harmonize and improve United Nations
informatics systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General concerning the follow-up
action taken, 1/ in particular the decision taken by the Administrative
Committee on Coordination on the recommendation of the senior-level task force
established for that purpose,

Concerned at the limited progress achieved so far in the implementation of
the above-mentioned resolutions,

* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic
and Social Council.

1/ E/1994/98.

1. Reiterates the high priority that it attaches to easy, economical, uncomplicated and unhindered access for States Members of the United Nations and for observers through, inter alia, their permanent missions, to the growing number of computerized databases and information systems and services of the United Nations;

2. Calls for the urgent implementation of the measures required to achieve these objectives;

3. Stresses once again the urgent need for representatives of States to be closely consulted and actively associated with the respective executive and governing bodies of the United Nations institutions dealing with informatics within the United Nations system, so that the specific needs of States as internal end-users can be given due priority;

4. Requests that the initial phases of the action programme to harmonize and improve United Nations informatics systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States be implemented from within existing resources and in full consultation with the representatives of States;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to report on the follow-up action taken on the present resolution to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1995.
